

# EXHIBIT A

## ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, WE, David G. Bermudes (a citizen of the United States of America residing at 524 North Main Street, Wallingford, Connecticut, 06492), Ivan C. King (a citizen of the United States of America residing at 65 Blue Hills Road, New Haven, Connecticut, 06473), Caroline A. Clairmont (a citizen of the United States of America residing at 80 Merwin Circle, Cheshire, Connecticut, 06410), Stanley L. Lin (a citizen of the United States of America residing at 173 Old Toll Road, Madison, Connecticut, 06443) and Michael Belcourt (a citizen of the United States of America residing at 9 Algonquin Drive, Wallingford, Connecticut, 06492), ASSIGNS, are the inventors of the invention in **COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS FOR TUMOR-TARGETED DELIVERY OF EFFECTOR MOLECULES** for which we have executed an application for a Patent of the United States

- which is identified by Pennie & Edmonds LLP docket no. 8002-059-999
- which was filed on August 24, 2000, Application No. 09/645,415

and WHEREAS, VION PHARMACEUTICALS, INC., ASSIGNEE, having a principle place of business at Four Science Park, New Haven, Connecticut, 06511, is desirous of obtaining our entire right, title and interest in, to and under the said invention and the said application:

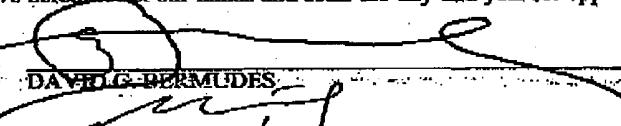
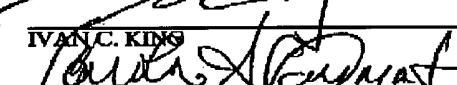
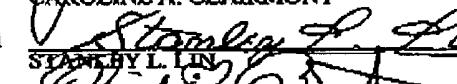
NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) to us in hand paid, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, we, the said ASSIGNS, have sold, assigned, transferred and set over, and by these presents do hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over, unto the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, our entire right, title and interest in, to and under the said invention, and the said United States provisional application and all applications claiming priority thereto under 35 U.S.C. §119(e) and divisions, renewals and continuations thereof, and all Patents of the United States which may be granted thereon and all reissues and extensions thereof; and all applications for industrial property protection, including, without limitation, all applications for patents, utility models, and designs which may hereafter be filed for said invention in any country or countries foreign to the United States, together with the right to file such applications and the right to claim for the same the priority rights derived from said United States application under the Patent Laws of the United States, the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, or any other international agreement or the domestic laws of the country in which any such application is filed, as may be applicable; and all forms of industrial property protection, including, without limitation, patents, utility models, inventors' certificates and designs which may be granted for said invention in any country or countries foreign to the United States and all extensions, renewals and reissues thereof;

AND WE HEREBY authorize and request the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks of the United States, and any Official of any country or countries foreign to the United States, whose duty it is to issue patents or other evidence or forms of industrial property protection on applications as aforesaid, to issue the same to the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, in accordance with the terms of this instrument.

AND WE HEREBY covenant and agree that we have full right to convey the entire interest herein assigned, and that we have not executed, and will not execute, any agreement in conflict herewith.

AND WE HEREBY further covenant and agree that we will communicate to the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, any facts known to us respecting said invention, and testify in any legal proceeding, sign all lawful papers, execute all divisional, continuing, reissue and foreign applications, make all rightful oaths, and generally do everything possible to aid the said ASSIGNEE, its successors, legal representatives and assigns, to obtain and enforce proper protection for said invention in all countries.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, We hereunto set our hands and seals the day and year set opposite our respective signatures.

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